

The Contest JUG



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C QP... CQ P... CQP!

ON COMMITMENTS

Several of us were sitting around after the BOD meeting the other night enjoying the splendid company and some of the Napa Valley's finest. In amongst all the philosophical pearls somebody sneaked in a disturbing question: Just what does it mean when we say the NCCC is going to designate such-and-such a contest as a "major operating event?" "Hmmm" the assemblage collectively sighed as heads were reflexively scratched [proving that contestants can do two things at once!]. Unfortunately, no answers were forthcoming. I mulled it over again on my way home. As most NCCers know by now, the club designated only three contests this year as MOE's to be sure we didn't spread ourselves too thin or burn ourselves (and our families) out. The idea was to limit major activity to a few events so we could plan operating schedules around them, push hard, and thereby insure a good club showing.

The first MOE is the Cal QSO Party on October 7th and 8th, and we're about to be put to the test to see if we can deliver. I talked a bit about this in my column last month, but I can't say the response has been overwhelming. It looks as if the usual group of stalwarts will be on, but it seems most of us are planning simply to let that weekend slide on by because of other things. Doesn't that raise some questions about the level of commitment to our club, and beg the question of why a few members should bust their rear ends to plan events for us when all they get in return are yawns of indifference? Is it really that difficult, or does it put us out that much, to get on the air for a couple of hours (and that's all that's needed in the CQP) to hand out a few contacts? Think about it, because if you won't do your part to help make MOE's a success, who will?

Have you seen the new checksheets (Form CD77) from the ARRL? They've reverted back to a 17" x 11" paper size to replace the old 8½" x 11" Op Aid #6. Some NCCers got to test them out in the North American Sprint two weeks ago, and what is needed now is your feedback as to

CQP: World's Biggest QSO Party

The 1978

The 1978 California QSO Party, sponsored by the NCCC will be the world's finest state QSO Party. Just imagine the bands erupting on October 7th & 8th! Pity the poor East coast stations tuning thru a wall of W6's!! From the enthusiastic response for the CQP from contestants/county hunters across the nation, sweepstakes may be coming a month early! Plan to get on: Oct 7th & 8th, 1800 UTC, (Full information/rules in September QST or contact 'DSV.) Get on and warm up for the real "SS".

This years contest will produce a number of DX-peditions to various counties. Some of the stations are: W6TPH, W6OKK, WB6RIU/m6, N6BT/m6, N6QW, N6CQ, AA6DX, K6PJY, WA6AVS, N6AU, N6RZ, N6KT, K6LL, WA6-HJV and K6CSL. Now that we know what these KBer's are doing, what are your plans, OM? Be prepared! Bring your plans for the CQP to the September meeting.

IMPORTANT! We will have a pre-contest rally/net at 1730 UTC (one half hour before the contest) on 7235 KHz, plus or minus QRM. Check into this pre-contest net for the latest in strategy and planning (let's all QSY to 15 meters together and warm up the ionosphere!)

Remember, we want to give the rest of the country a 'wall' of stations to listen for so be sure you get on and KB!

COMING BUTT-KICKING EXPERIENCES

September:

- 23-24 SAC, phone
Delta QSO Party
- 25 NCCC membership meeting, Hayward
AS&L, Foothill & B streets, 7:30

October:

- 5 NCCC
- 5 NCCC Board of Directors meeting
at N6NE's, 1316 Sherman Street,
Alameda. 8:00 p.m.
- 7-8 California QSO Party!!
- 14-15 CD Party, CW
VK/ZL DX Contest, CW
- 21-22 CD Party, phone
- 23 NCCC membership meeting, 7:30 pm



COMMITMENTS....

how good or bad you think they are. Will they work for us in SS, or should we plan to print our own version again this year? Please get your thoughts to me or to Gary, WA6VEF, asap. Also, see Gary at the September meeting to load up on a supply of SS logs and the new check-sheets if you didn't pick up any at the August meeting.

NCCC's repeater, WR6ADM, got a big boost this past week in that N6KB succeeded in getting donated a 60 foot telephone pole on which to mount the antennae (now located at the 15 foot level!). The pole should be up within a couple of weeks. N6IG is trying to round up spare tubes (see article elsewhere in this issue), and if Jim gets his hands on the right ones, the repeater will be back up to full power output by the time you read this. We placed an order for a duplexer last week, although we're still gambling we are going to have enough money to pay for the thing -- we're about \$100 short right now with four weeks to go before we get the bill! If you haven't chipped in a bit, won't you please do so now? Send checks payable to the NCCC Repeater Fund to W6LH at 1462 Crespi Drive, San Jose 95129. Oh yes, and if you are one of our 61 members who hasn't yet renewed your membership for 1978-79, why not also send Bob a check for \$6.00 (\$3.00 for students) to take care of that as well?

Enjoy the CQP!

73.

Rusty
W6OAT/N6SF

TWO CENT'S WORTH FROM THE VP/CC

The 1978 edition of the California QSO Party is just around the corner. On October 7th, at 1800 UTC, all hell will break loose on our bands; the frequencies being jammed with W6's enthusiastically proclaiming, "CQ CAL QSO PARTY." A timid PVRcer located somewhere near Ellicott City, Maryland, will tune across 15 meters at about 1830, listening to the curtain of NCCers stringing East Coast stations at better than 100 an hour. "Oh, my God!" he'll say, "Sweepstakes in October?!"

In a real sense, the CQP is a great way to tune up for the SS. It presents a great opportunity to dust the cobwebs off the radio, check out the new antenna system and test your vocal cords and keyer fingers, before the NCCC descends en-mass upon the rest of the contest fraternity this November.

Since taking over sole sponsorship of this contest four years ago, the Northern California Contest Club has propelled the CQP into a position as the biggest and most popular state QSO party anywhere. Keep up that tradition! Be sure and get in on this year's California QSO Party, October 7th &

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TWO CENT'S...

8th! Don't forget the general membership meeting in Hayward on September 25.

73,

GARY WA6VEF

ADM ACCUMULATIONS

As a result of many generous donations from NCCC members and others, the Board of Directors has gone ahead and ordered a duplexer for WR6ADM-VHF. This gem, being purchased from Phelps-Dodge Communications, is costing the club a little over \$650. Thanks to the courtesy of P/D, we have sent them a down-payment of \$500, thus beginning the two month construction period required for the duplexer. However, this has all but depleted the club repeater fund, and when the time rolls around for us to pay the balance, we will be hard-pressed to do so, unless you, dear member, unfold your pocketbook and chip in for this worthwhile cause.

Aside from the duplexer, the repeater has other expenses which need attention. The current antenna, a Hustler G6-144, is doing an admirable job, but it is the feeling of the majority of the club that, in order to perform at tip-top condition, the repeater should have a commercial antenna of the fiberglass variety. This will cost over \$150, but, unlike our present antenna will not corrode away with time.

The repeater, being of the thermionic valve variety, also needs an occasional tube or two. Up to now, certain members have chipped in from personal stockpiles. We are deeply grateful to these fine, upstanding citizens, but we cannot expect them to continue in this fashion. If you have one or more of the tubes listed below lying around, in good condition, please bring them to the next meeting, or if you dare, mail them to N6KB. If you have a source or feel compelled to purchase some, please feel free to do so; any donations will be gladly accepted.

WR6ADM will play a valuable part in club affairs, both during contests (for spotting nets), and during everyday operations, being a much needed source of inter-club communication. If you have not already done so, equip your station to take advantage of this fine machine. It's frequency pair is 147.84/.24. See you there!

Jim N6IG

TUBE COMPLEMENT OF WR6ADM REPEATERS

4	6AK5	12	12AX7	4	6AL5	2	7V7
2	7C5	1	12BY7A	1	2E26	1	5894
1	6BC5	16	6BH6	1	6BJ6	1	6AQ5
2	5R4GY	3	6AM4	2	12AT7	1	6AL5

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WR6ADM TUBES (con'd)

1 6AK5	1 OD3A	1 6CB6	1 6360
1 6939	2 2050	1 8072	

NCCC NETS: QNI FOR AUGUST

80m.: 5) N6AMG, WA7NIN, WB6SHD; 4) N6NE; 3) KB-6CR, WB6MSU, N6RO; 2) N6CQ, WD6CHF, WD6EPV, WB-6FCR, K6HIH, N6KT, W6XB, K6XO, AA6UO; 1) N6QW, K6SG, N6PO, WB6DSV, AG6K, W6LH, K6RU, WA6HCI, N6VR, K6LL/7, N6RZ, N7GM, N6DA, N6XI, WD6DBM, K7DE, AB7P, WB6ION, N6TU, WA6JUD, WA6VJH.
 VHF: 4) N6IG, N6KB, WB6SHD, WA6VEF; 3) N6AMG, WB-6DSV, WA6ITV, N6NE, WB6QFQ, AA6UO, N6XT, W1ARR; 2) WA6BOB, N6BT, N6RZ, N6TU, W6XB, N6SF, WB6ZGY, WD6EPV, WD6GUZ, K6RV, WB6ION, N6BV, N6RO, WA6-OCV, K6XO.

NCCC NA SPRINT SCORES

N6BT....286	38	10878	N6IG....213	34	7242
N6RO....256	39	9984	N6KB....184	37	6808
N6TU....213	44	9372	K6RU....175	36	6300
N6SF....224	38	8512	AA6UO...179	30	5370
WA6VEF...210	37	7770	K6CSL... 26	7	182
N6NE....191	39	7258	K6XO....183	40	7320

ALL ASIAN DX CONTEST, CWAll Band:

K6TU (+K6XV, RM, N6BT, WB6DSV)...1170 x 157
 W6YX (N6IG, W1ARR, WA6ITV, AA6UO, N7MH) 1170 x 145
 N6BV (+N6SF, WA6VEF, N6OP)..... 947 x 144
 N6NE..... 21 x 17

<u>10 meters</u>	<u>15 meters</u>
W6PAA.....8 x 7	K6LL/7.....400 x 46
<u>40 meters</u>	WA6JUD.....368 x 42
K6RU.....300 x 38	WB4TJV/6..... 40 x 19
<u>80 meters</u>	
N6RO.....122 x 32	KH6JKR/6..... 13 x 10

ROSTER UPDATES

WB6SHD: 408-738-8869
 N3ER: 2012 Norfolk
 Ann Arbor, MI 48103
 WB6ZGY: 209-946-9091
 W0AW: John A. Doremus
 4488 Felter Road
 Milpitas 95035
 (H): 408-946-0220
 (W): 408-988-8010
 WA6BOB: John B. Orton
 17552 Garland Court
 Castro Valley 94546
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 (W): 415-786-6030

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 155 Saint Elmo Way
 San Francisco 94127

(H): 415-584-7923

(W): 415-586-4386

NEW MEMBERS OF THE NCCC ALLSTAR KB TEAM

John, W0AW/6, needs little introduction...He has won the ARRL 160 meter contest (Rocky Mtn. Division) for some 7 years. A recent transplant from Co., John's station currently consists of 6 transmitters & KW finals as well as 2 S-lines, 2 75A4's and an Atlas 350.

Bob, WA6BOB, is well known especially in Remote-base circles. He's another transplant from So. CA. His station includes: a C line, TR4, KW, FT-221, TR-8300, 2 TH6's, 20 elements on 2 and 16 on 450. Bob also holds WA6MGM, WR6ALA and WR6-AKZ.

Bill, N6CQ, ex-WA6CZR & HS5AKU is also a new kid in town. He is also from So. CA. He's confined to an apartment, but manages an SB-104A & 18AVT. Bill has been licensed for 20 years.

Mark, AA6KB, (another 'KB') has been licensed for 2 years. He used to sign WA6POR. Primarily a CW man, he runs a TS-520 into a TA-33 and 40/80 slopers at 40 feet. Mark is also active on VHF. He has been extremely active in all contests and plans to continue.

Pete, WB6POT, (love that call!) has been licensed for 2 years and sports a General ticket. He has also been active in many contests and plans to continue activity. His station complement includes a TS-520, FL-2100B and Tri-band quad @ 40'.

Al, N6TA, is pretty well known, especially on the low bands. He is part of the Via Regina KB crew. Station is a TS-520, B line, SB-220, 813's, 6 on 15, 4 on 20, 12 on 10, slopers and dipoles. Al won the Santa Barbara Section in SS 77 & 78.

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NEW MEMBER'S

Rud, W6WB, has been around for a while, he formally held the calls 6AAQ and 6BSO. He has won the SF section in the SS at least 10 times as well as the DX test at least 20 times. I guess he has lost count! His station includes an S line, 3-500's Mulyi-2700, 6 meter gear plus SS TV! Antenna's are a tri-bandier and Vee's.

SWAPSHOP

75A-4, 75A-3, 75S-1; \$400, \$250, \$400 respectively See W0AW at (408)-946-0220

Home built crank-up tower, 3 sections, 45', light duty, needs guys. FB! WB6NMW, (415)-581-6770

WANTED: S-Line, Henry 2-K3 or 2K-4, some 8877's. contact JA1KSO via N6OP, (415)-834-5614

WANTED: Drake TR-6. Contact JA1ELY via N6OP

Mini-products C-4 20-6m. vertical. \$40/offer. See WD6EPV, (408)-354-5256

Yaesu FT-221, \$395. See K6KLY (415)-592-3165

WANTED: SR-220 or equiv. linear. \$400-\$450 range. Contact N6CQ, (415)-239-2825

Vibroplex Paddles, RM-420, \$40, see WA7NIN (702)-882-0515

HA-1 & Paddle \$40. see N6UR. (805)-871-0221

5-Bedroom, 2-bath home with: 20 x 40' pool, 54' crank-up tower, 2 on 40, 5 on 20, 6 on 15 & 10, ham shack with or without console. In Concord. Contact WA6JUD (415)-685-7987 for more info.

SS COORDINATORS (con'd)

Upper SCV: Ron	WA6ITV	851-0144
Mid. SCV: Ken	K6HNZ	948-2818
Lower SCV: Bruce	N6TU	249-7447
Lower SCV: George	WB6DSV	739-4233
Lower SCV: Rich	N6KT	446-2140

WB6YJC is now N6AMG.
WA6DNM is now KB6CR.
WB6MSU is now Advanced.
WD6EPV is now Advanced.
WB6YJC is now Advanced.
KB6CR is now Extra.

Those of you who are awaiting QSL cards, They are almost at hand.....
N6KB is now deciding just which group to order them from. Price: \$15-\$20. abt

TODAY: GAVEL #4; TOMORROW: THE WORLD!!

Hope this message finds all of you well on your way to bringing at least one new member to this month's meeting. Our SS goal this year will be much easier with more help. Hope y'all will be in touch with your respective area-coordinators with your needs and/or your help.

Basic prizes this year will be those attractive KB SS certificates. For the top phone ops (Big & little guns) and top CW ops, there will be some really FB trophies. There will be some other awards also, for biggest score increase, serving as area coordinator, working the most fellow members and more. Topping the list will be the KB-2000 awards; the club treasury is bracing itself for the engraving of all those KB-200's we'll be needing this year. If you are interested in sponsoring an awards, please contact me soon.

Judging from the enthusiasm evident so early in the season, this SS will be the biggest & bestest yet! The East coast boys are really working to try and stop us from getting the first-ever GAVEL #4, but we're gonna show 'em a thing or two, aren't we?

Hope to hear all of you on for the CQP, tuning rig, antenna and body for the big-one. CU in the pileups and smile, gavel number four is just around the corner!

KB,

JUD

1978 SS AREA COORDINATORS

Upper EB:	Jim	N6IG	522-3178
Lower EB:	Gary	WA6VEF	538-0520
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San Fran:	Dean	N6BV	664-8190
Nevada :	Gary	K7OX	826-6821
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